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Sir:

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U.S. Patent No. 6,347,004 was cited by the Examiner in the parent application.

Each of the remaining listed documents was cited in a November 5, 2003 European Search Report issued in counterpart European Application No. 00123543.1. A copy of the Search Report also is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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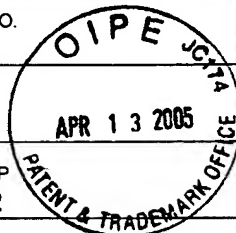


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